

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 29-31.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-12. Cancelled.

13. (Currently Amended) A method for using a milling insert with a milling tool, comprising:

attaching a plurality of adjacent milling inserts to a mounting surface of the milling tool, each milling insert having:

a milling surface angled relative to a mounting surface of the tool; ~~and~~
sides substantially perpendicular to the milling surface; and

at least one spacer extending from at least a portion of at least one of the sides, wherein the at least one spacer is in contact with another milling insert;

running the milling tool into a wellbore to a position adjacent a material for milling;

and

rotating the milling tool, thereby milling the material.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the attaching comprises brazing the milling inserts.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the attaching comprises welding the milling inserts.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the adjacent milling inserts are spaced apart from each other substantially .015 inches.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the adjacent milling inserts are spaced from the milling tool substantially .005 inches.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the adjacent milling inserts are spaced from the milling tool substantially .005 inches and the adjacent milling inserts are spaced apart from each other substantially .015 inches.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein a base of the milling insert is parallel to the mounting surface of the tool.

20-21. Cancelled.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further comprising breaking cuttings of the material milled to limit a length of the cuttings.

23. (Currently Amended) A cutting insert for a tool for wellbore milling operations, comprising:

a body having:

a milling surface angled relative to a mounting surface of the tool,

a base, and

sides substantially perpendicular to the milling surface; and

at least one spacer extending from at least a portion of at least one of the sides,

wherein the at least one spacer is in contact with another cutting insert.

24. (Previously Presented) The cutting insert of claim 23, wherein the base is parallel to the mounting surface of the tool.

25. (Previously Presented) The cutting insert of claim 23, further comprising a first leg extending from a first portion of the base and a second leg extending from a second portion of the base, wherein the first leg is longer than the second leg.

26. (Previously Presented) The cutting insert of claim 23, wherein the milling surface forms an angle relative to the base of between 7° and 8°.

27. (Previously Presented) The cutting insert of claim 23, further comprising a plurality of legs extending from the base.
28. (Previously Presented) The cutting insert of claim 27, wherein at least one leg extends about .005 inches from the base.
29. (Cancelled) The cutting insert of claim 27, further comprising at least one spacer extending from at least a portion of at least one of the sides.
30. (Cancelled) The cutting insert of claim 23, further comprising at least one spacer extending from at least a portion of at least one of the sides.
31. (Cancelled) The cutting insert of claim 30, wherein the at least one spacer is in contact with another cutting insert.
32. (Previously Presented) The cutting insert of claim 23, wherein the milling surface includes a chipbreaker.
33. (Currently Amended) A cutting insert for a tool for wellbore milling operations, comprising:
a body having a milling surface, a base, and a side;
at least one spacing member extending a first distance from at least a portion of the side, wherein the at least one spacing member is in contact with another cutting insert; and
a plurality of extension members extending a second distance from the base, wherein the first distance is longer than the second distance.
34. (Previously Presented) The cutting insert of claim 33, wherein the plurality of extension members extends about .005 inches from the base.

35. (Previously Presented) The cutting insert of claim 33, wherein the at least one spacing member extends about .015 inches from the side.
36. (Previously Presented) The cutting insert of claim 33, wherein a bond strength between the base and the tool is stronger than a bond strength between adjacent inserts
37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further comprising providing the milling insert with a first leg extending from a first portion of the base and a second leg extending from a second portion of the base, wherein the first leg is longer than the second leg.